

REMARKS:

Claims 1-16 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 8 and 12-16 are amended and claims 1-7 are cancelled, thereby leaving claims 9-11 unchanged.

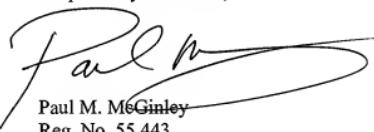
Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 8-11. By this Amendment, Applicant amends allowable claim 8 into independent form, amends the dependency of claims 12-16 to depend from independent claim 8, and cancels the remaining rejected claims. Accordingly, only allowable claims remain in the present application.

CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present amendment and allowance of claims 8-16 is respectfully requested.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

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